

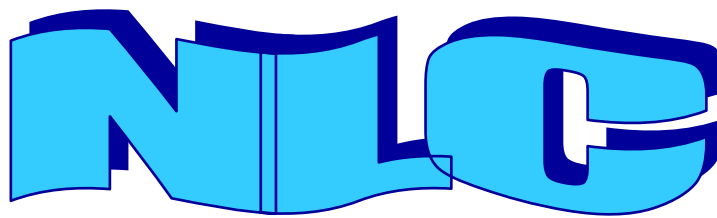
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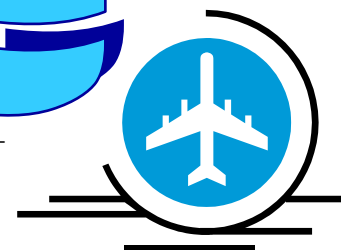
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VA FBLA travels to Denver, CO

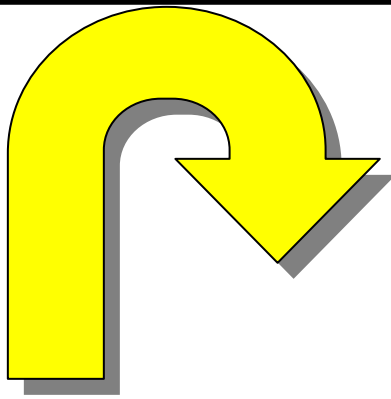


By: John Beerman, Correspondent



What an amazing five days spent at the National Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado. From the opening session with keynote speaker Eric Chester and the surprise appearance of the runner-up from NBC's *The Apprentice* Kwame Jackson to the campaigns, work shops, and the closing session where Virginia really showed why Virginia FBLA members were able to Lead...Achieve...Succeed!

A list of VA winners at NLC is on page 6.



SLC Wrap Up

“Lead...Achieve...Succeed” was the theme for the 2004 Virginia FBLA State Leadership Conference held at the Hyatt Regency in Reston, April 16-18.

Many FBLA members demonstrated the theme throughout the conference as they attended leadership workshops, participated in competitive events, and networked with other members from across the state. There were many great speakers who got everyone in attendance motivated and ready for the upcoming year.

The conference began Friday evening with guest speaker Donna Tyson. Competitions, workshops, and state officer elections were held throughout the next day. That evening the new state officers were installed. Olga Fishman, the new state president from Stone Bridge High School, succeeded Monti Lawson from Salem High School. The awards program also took place Saturday evening where winners in competitive events were recognized. State winners had the opportunity to go on to compete at the National Leadership Conference in Denver, July 14-17.



Left: State Officer Team at Friday Night's Opening Session

Right: Olga and Monti at the Closing Session



Letter from the President

July 30, 2004

Dear Local Chapter Members and Advisers:

Welcome to a new year, which is sure to be the greatest in Virginia FBLA's legacy. After a very active summer, it brings me pleasure to update your chapter on the many successes of Virginia FBLA. Starting at the Summer Leadership Training Conference, your State Officer Team began planning for another amazing year. Students from across the state learned more about etiquette, parliamentary procedure and chapter planning.

Many of us then traveled to the National Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado to network, further develop our leadership skills, and receive recognition for a year of hard work and dedication. The Awards of Excellence Program at the National Leadership Conference in Denver was Virginia's time to shine. We had 21 winners this year, including: Eighth Place to Sherando High School for American Enterprise Project, First Place to Robert E. Lee High School for American Enterprise Project, also placing Second Place in Computer Concepts Will Brandon from Herndon High School, and First Place to Nick Bailey from Osbourn High School in Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure. Osbourn High School received recognition having the largest Local Chapter Professional Division Membership! Congratulations to Virginia's Adviser of the Year Robin Albrecht from Osbourn High School. Virginia FBLA was recently named the **SECOND LARGEST STATE CHAPTER IN THE NATION WITH ALMOST 15,000 MEMBERS!**

Your State Officer Team is creating an electronic booklet to assist your chapter members this year. This book has valuable information including local chapter officer pamphlets, a calendar with important dates, ideas on how to raise money for Project ASK and the Foundation, and much more. You will also receive another electronic booklet around holiday time, with updated information about upcoming dates/events. Please contact me at

Shikarnovukr@yahoo.com if I, or any of the state officers, can be of service to your chapter. We know that by increasing communication between your State Officer Team and your chapter, we will truly be on the **Road to Your Success!**

Yours truly,





Summer Leadership Training Conference 2004



Above: Adeel Khan, Montana Smith, Stephanie Boyer, and Hannah Tajo at the Etiquette Dinner



Above: Monti pies Mrs. Mills

Below: Monti after being pied by Olga



With the thought and excitement of the National Leadership Conference and the upcoming year, the Summer Leadership Training Conference was a success. The conference was held at Roanoke College, June 29 – July 1. The FBLA-PBL State Specialist Mrs. Mills and the Germanna Regional Director Mrs. Martin provided valuable insight to the state officers on their duties and responsibilities, while the state officer team was committed to completing the Program of Work for the year. State winners going on to compete at NLC used their time at Roanoke College wisely and prepared for the upcoming competitions. Local and regional officers attended workshops given by the state officers addressing their responsibilities. There were also other workshops and presentations for all members to attend to strengthen their business skills and knowledge. Following the workshops all members and advisors attended a dinner where business etiquette was taught so that it could be used in the future at interviews, luncheons, or other business events. After the dinner there were teambuilding activities, karaoke, and a dance for all the members to relax. Throughout the conference, there was also a collection for Project ASK. Each region was challenged to raise as much money as possible so that they could see the new state president Olga Fishman, Mrs. Mills, and another State Officer pied in the face. The collection was a huge success, and so were the pies! Mrs. Mills, Olga, and Monti Lawson, last year's state president, all got a good taste of pie while most of the other state officers were also attacked with whipped cream and chocolate! This SLTC was definitely a success, and there were lots of memories and new friendships for members to take with them.

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November

12-13 National Fall Conference
(Buffalo & Chicago)

19-20 National Fall Conference
(New Orleans)

December

3-4 Winter Board Meeting
(Richmond)

April

1-3 State Leadership Conference
(Reston)

Visit the Virginia FBLA-PBL website today

www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Instruction/CTE/be/fbla/fbla.html

Visit the National FBLA-PBL Website

www.fbla-pbl.org

National Leadership Conference

Denver, CO
July 14-17



American Enterprise Project

First Place, Robert E. Lee HS
Eighth Place, Sherando HS

Business Law

Sixth Place, Stuart Fowlkes, Prince Edward County HS

C++ Programming

Ninth Place, Robert Beheiter, James W. Robinson, Jr. SS

Computer Applications

Sixth Place, Kevin Marsh, Booker T. Washington HS

Computer Concepts

Second Place, Will Brandon, Herndon HS

FBLA Principles and Procedures

Third Place, Hannah Tajo, Salem HS

Introduction to Business Communication

Eighth Place, Karin Eastby, Prince Edward County HS

Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure

First Place, Nick Bailey, Osbourn HS

JAVA Programming

First Place, Mike Bennonis, Stone Bridge HS
Seventh Place, Shawn Dellysse, Page County HS

Networking Concepts

First Place, Cole Mabie, Langley HS
Ninth Place, Danh Nguyen-Huynh, Falls Church HS

Partnership With Business

Tenth Place, Sherando HS

Visual Basic Programming

Third Place, Paul Williamson, Douglas S. Freeman HS

Web Site Development

Fourth Place, Landstown HS

Word Processing II

Eighth Place, Rushita Patel, Richlands HS

Public Relations Award

First Place, Osbourn HS

Largest State Chapter Membership

Second Place, Virginia FBLA

Who's Who in FBLA

Monti Lawson, Salem HS

Adviser of the Year

Robin Albrecht, Osbourn HS

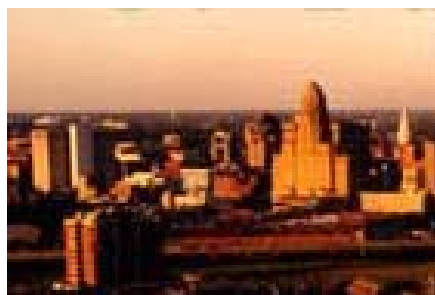


Left: Mike Bennonis receiving his award for first place in JAVA Programming

Right: Patrick Martinez accepting Osbourn High School's Public Relations award



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November 12-13



**New Orleans,
LA**

November 19-20

Adviser of the Year...

Robin Albrecht

Robin M. Albrecht, a business teacher and one of the advisers of the Future Business Leaders of America at Osbourn High School since 1992, has been named Virginia's FBLA Adviser of the Year. She received the award at the State Leadership Conference in April and was recognized at the National Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado in July.

A teacher and adviser for twenty-four years, Albrecht was instrumental to Osbourn's Business Department recognition as the 2nd place recipient of the National Program of Excellence in Business Education. She has advised Regional, State and National officers every year since 1999. She has presented at FBLA workshops on the Regional, State and National level. She was also the recipient of the Virginia Business Education Association's "Great Ideas" award in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

According to one of her students, "Being a State Officer has been an unforgettable ride, and having you as my adviser has really helped. I know there were times where I was so frustrating because I was so discombobulated and times where you just left me to my work because "I was following my system". Your ability to encourage students to work in the environment and pace that works best for them is amazing! Everything you have taught me I will never forget. "



Above: Ms. Albrecht registering at SLC



Above: Ms. Albrecht "shushing" the kids while she receives her award

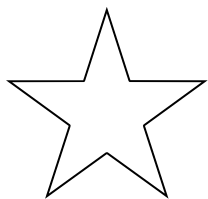
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See if your chapter has what it takes
for the GOLD in 2005!

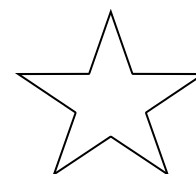
Donate \$500 or more to the FBLA
foundation and get



Your chapter will get 10 points for
the donation PLUS 10 bonus points!



Meet Your 2004-2005



State Officer Team

Olga Fishman

President

Region: Shenandoah

Class: Senior (2005)

Age: 18

Birthday: 4/30/1986

Pet Peeve: Messiness

Hobbies: Tae Kwon Do

Career Choice:

Finance/Accounting/

Business Management

Favorite-

Color: Blue

Subject: Math

Food: Italian

Beverage: Water

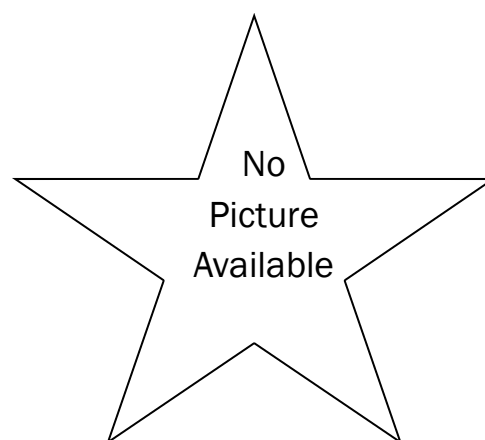
Book: Cat's Cradle

Movie: Butterfly Effect

TV Show: OC

Singer/Group: Darude

Quote: "I am more afraid of an army of 100 sheep led by a lion than an army of 100 lions led by a sheep." - Talleyrand



Hannah Gajo

Vice President at Large

Region: Tidewater

Favorite-

Class: Junior (2006)

Color: Red

Age: 15

Subject: Math

Birthday: 8/21/1988

Food: Italian

Pet Peeve: Rudeness

Beverage: Cherry Coke

Hobbies: Reading, Friends,
Shopping

Book: Gangster

Movie: The Godfather

Career Choice:

TV Show: The Family Guy

Business Finance

Singer: Mariah Carey

Quote: "Every worthwhile accomplishment, big or little, has its stages of drudgery and triumph; a beginning, a struggle, and a victory." -Ghandi



Adeel Khan

Secretary/Treasurer

Region: Northern Virginia

Favorite-

Class: Senior (2005)

Color: Blue

Age: 16

Subject: Finance & English

Birthday: 9/22/1987

Food: Popeyes Fried Chicken

Pet Peeve:

Beverage: Milkshake

Inconsiderate People

Book: A Brief History in Time

Hobbies: Running, Movies,
Basketball, Computer, Writing

Movie: Rocky

TV Show: Seinfeld

Career Choice:

Group: Oasis & The Beatles

Financial Advisor

Business Management

Quote: "If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the host of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well."

- Martin Luther King Jr.



Stephanie Boyer

Reporter



Region: UVA Wise

Class: Senior (2005)

Age: 17

Birthday: 1/28/1987

Pet Peeve: Judgmental People

Hobbies: Cheerleading, friends

Student Government, family

Career Choice: Pediatrician

Favorite-

Color: Green

Subject: Math

Food: Chicken Alfredo

Beverage: Grape Slushies

Book: To Kill A Mockingbird

Movie: Notting Hill

TV Show: Seinfeld

Group: Blink 182

Quote: "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there no path and leave a trail." - Ralph Waldo Emerson



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John Beerman

Corresponding Secretary

Region: Shenandoah

Class: Senior (2005)

Age: 17

Birthday: 11/24/1986

Pet Peeve: People who don't speak right (Me and Tom are going fishing.)

Hobbies: Soccer, track, ski, read, golf, bodyboard

Career Choice: Business

Favorite-

Color: Blue

Subject: History

Food: Chinese Food

Beverage: lemonade

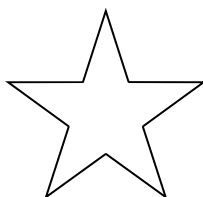
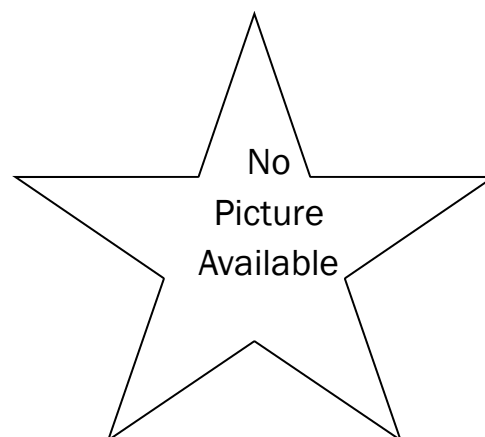
Book: books by David Baldacci

Movie: Lord of the Rings

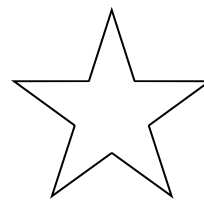
TV Show: OC, Simpsons, Friends

Group: Dave Mathews Band

Quote: December 7, 1941- "A day that will live in infamy"



Jen Collings



Parliamentarian

**Region:** Thomas Nelson**Favorite-****Class:** Senior (2005)**Color:** Pink**Age:** 17**Subject:** French**Birthday:** 12/12/1986**Food:** Spaghetti**Pet Peeve:** Dirty Bathrooms**Beverage:** Mountain Dew**Hobbies:** shopping, jogging,
being lazy at the beach**Book:** Flowers in the Attic**Movie:** The Notebook**Career Choice:** Public Relations**TV Show:** Law & Order**Group:** Maroon 5

Jasmine Cody



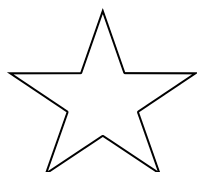
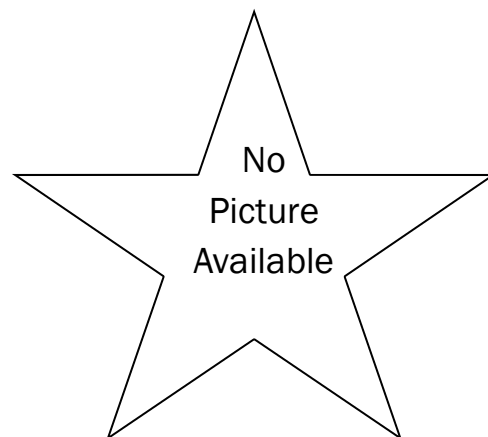
Vice President Representing Thomas Nelson Region

Favorite-**Class:** Senior (2005)**Color:** Blue**Age:** 17**Subject:** Science**Birthday:** 3/25/1987**Food:** Sea Food**Pet Peeve:****Beverage:** Kool Aid

People that can't type right

Book: The Scarlet Letter**Hobbies:** Sports, Games, reading,
friends, going out**Movie:** Finding Nemo**TV Show:** Fresh Prince**Career Choice:** Business**Singer:** Usher

Management & Sports Medicine

Quote: "Ask someone before you leave the house."

Juliana Comer

Vice President Representing Shenandoah Region

Favorite-

Class: Junior (2006)

Age: 16

Birthday: 12/4/1987

Pet Peeve: none

Hobbies: family, friends, running,
Singing karaoke at Church

Career Choice: not a clue!

Color: Carolina Blue

Subject: History

Food: Macaronie & Cheese

Beverage: Dr. Pepper

Book: "I don't mean to be rude, but..."

Movie: Cool Runnings

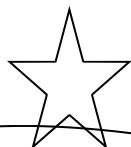
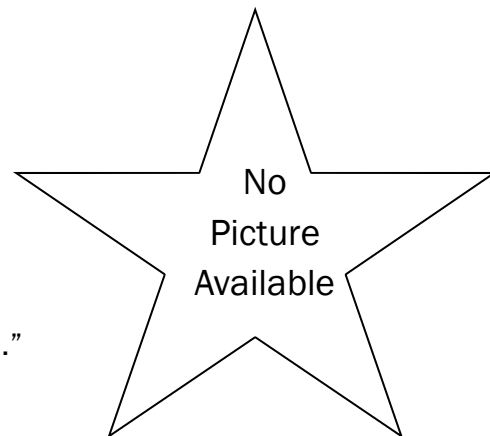
TV Show: American Idol

Singer: Chris Cagle

Quote: "To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift."

- Steve Prefontaine

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Lindsey Roderick

Vice President Representing Northern Virginia Region

Favorite-

Class: Senior (2005)

Age: 17

Birthday: 7/31/1987

Pet Peeve: other people
wearing my shoes

Hobbies: Dance, NHS, BHS,
babysitting

Career Choice: Accounting

Color: Pink

Subject: Math

Food: Pizza

Beverage: Diet Coke

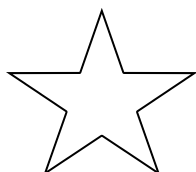
Book: Don't Let Me Die

Movie: 50 First Dates

TV Show: Gilmore Girls

Singer: Tim McGraw

Quote: "To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world."



Melanie Angles



Vice President Representing
New River Region



Class: Junior (2006)

Favorite-

Age: 16

Color: Pink

Birthday: 12/18/1987

Subject: Chemistry

Pet Peeve: people eating with
their mouth open

Food: Chicken

Hobbies: volleyball, writing
going out, talking on the phone

Beverage: Raspberry Lemonade

Book: Perks of Being a Wallflower,

Movie: Coyote Ugly

Career Choice: Neonatology
Pediatric Oncology

TV Show: Whose line is it anyway?

Group: Staind

Quote: "To dream anything that you want to dream; that is the beauty of the human mind. To do anything that you want to do; that is the strength of the human will. To trust yourself to test your limits; that is the courage to succeed."

Vivette Williams

Vice President Representing
Tidewater Region

Class: Senior (2005)

Favorite-

Age: 16

Color: Blue

Birthday: 8/22/1987

Subject: Social Studies

Pet Peeve: when people

Food: Junk Food

Pet Peeve: Judgmental People
interrupt me when I'm talking

Beverage: Snapple Apple

Book: The Coldest Winter Ever

Hobbies: cheer, dance, sleep, eat

Movie: Save the Last Dance

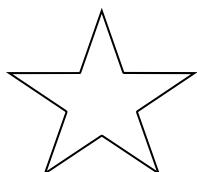
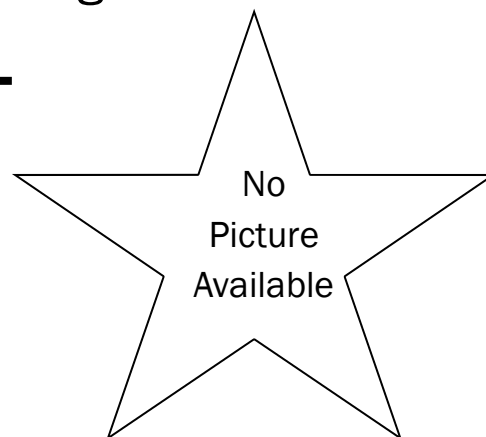
Career Choice: lawyer/paralegal

TV Show: One on One

Singer: Usher

Quote: "Take chances, live life, and make mistakes."

- my best friend Dianne Matthews



Brandon Perdue

Vice President Representing
Germannanna Region

Favorite-

Class:Senior (2005)

Color:Blue

Age:17

Subject:Science

Birthday:6/4/1987

Food:Steak

Pet Peeve:annoying girlfriends

Beverage:Orange Soda

Hobbies:Marine Biology and golf

Book:Enders Game

Career Choice:Marine Biologist

Movie:Billy Madison

TV Show:Family Guy

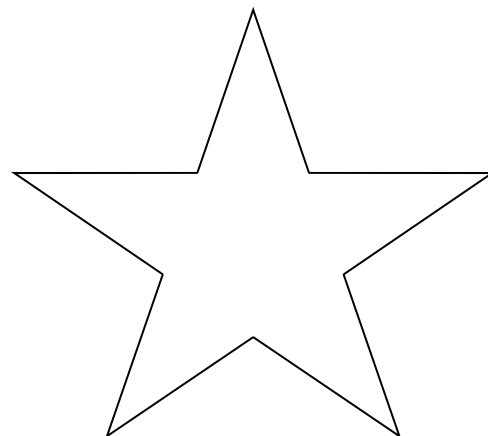
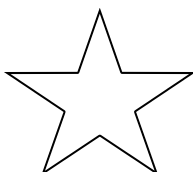
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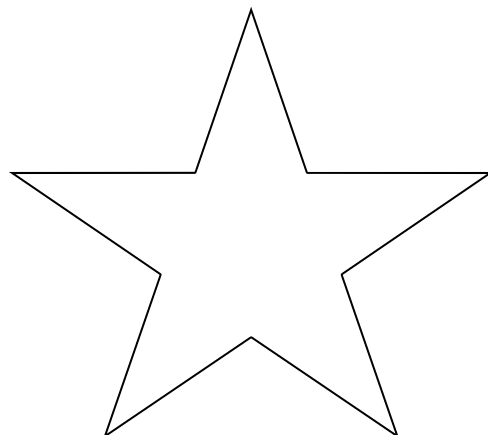
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Vice President Representing
UVA Wise Region



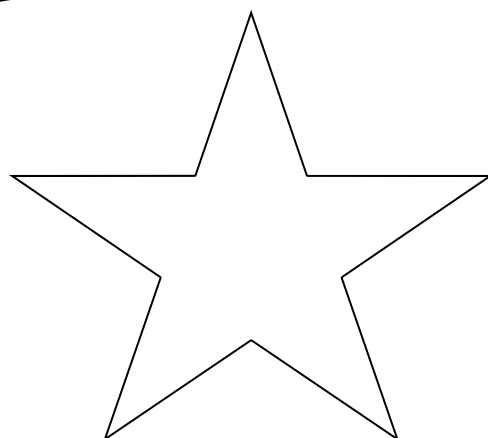
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Vice President Representing
Longwood Region



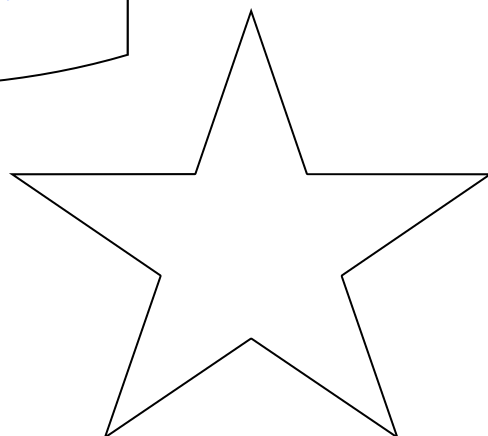
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Vice President Representing
JSRCC Region



William Campbell, Jr.

Vice President Representing
VSU Region





Project ASK

Every year 15,000 children are diagnosed with cancer; 2,500 of those children don't make it to their 10th birthday.



ASK, Association for the Support of Children with Cancer, is the FBLA-PBL state service project. It is a non-profit association of parents, health professionals, and concerned citizens throughout Virginia. Our support of Project ASK allows the organization to conduct diagnostic research, fund the position for a patient counselor/chaplain, and serve as a support group for families of children with cancer.

More information including a link to ASK's website and contribution forms can be found on the Virginia FBLA website.

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